



Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry

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The Honorable Dave Camp
Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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**RE: H.R. 4583 – Legislation Extending the Existing Duty Reduction on Viscose Rayon Staple
Fibers Described by U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule heading 9902.55.04**

Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

On behalf of INDA, the Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry, I am writing to express INDA's strong support for H.R. 4583 recently introduced by Representative Sue Myrick. That bill extends an existing suspension of duty on viscose rayon staple fibers described by U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule heading 9902.55.04 ("staple fibers of viscose rayon, not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning"). A companion bill – S. 3091 – has been introduced in the U.S. Senate.

INDA is the recognized trade association of the nonwoven fabrics industry – a multi-billion dollar industry in the United States – whose members make a broad array of rayon-containing products, including health care products such as wound dressings and bandages, industrial and consumer wiping products, and absorbent items such as disposable diapers and hygiene products.

Needed rayon fibers are unavailable domestically and are unlikely to be in the foreseeable future. Therefore, an extension of the duty suspension on these fibers is critical for various INDA member companies to maintain their international competitiveness and should have no adverse consequences for domestic firms or workers and attract no controversy.

We understand that Congress has provided the duty suspension process to address situations such as this, and we strongly encourage a favorable report by the Committee on this bill.

INDA is grateful for the opportunity to provide its comments on this important trade issue. We stand ready to answer questions or provide additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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